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SUBJ: POSSIBLE DERELICT BOMB

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
GCOB MINEXTAFF PERMSEC O.S. RUSSELL:

"DEAR COMMANDER MCGEE,

"THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, GRAND
BAHAMA DISTRICT HAS REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF A "BOMB"
IN THE WATER NEAR MANGROVE CAY OFF WEST END, GRAND
BAHAMA.

"THE "BOMB" WAS SIGHTED IN 10 FEET OF WATER NEAR
MANGROVE CAY AROUND 4:00 PM ON THE 24TH MARCH, 1977.
THE "BOMB" IS DESCRIBED AS BEING CONE-SHAPED, SIX
FEET LONG AND 2 1/2 FEET WIDE. IT IS METALLIC IN COLOUR
AND HAS SOME FORM OF RIGGING ATTACHED TO IT. THE
"BOMB" APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IN THE WATER FOR SOME
TIME SINCE IT IS COVERED WITH BARNACLES. THE EXACT
LOCATION IS DESCRIBED AS BEING 042 DEGREES N OUT OF
WEST END, GRAND BAHAMA. A BUOY CONSISTING OF A
PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO IT SO AS TO
ASSIST IN LOCATING IT.

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ZAS THE "BOMB" IN QUESTION MAY BE A MISSILE WHICH
HAS ESCAPED FROM AUTEC, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU
COULD ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE FROM AUTEC TO RECOVER THE BOMB,
ASCERTAIN ITS ORIGIN AND DEACTIVATE IT IF NECESSARY.

"PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR FINDINGS." COMPLIMENTARY

CLOSE. /S/ O.S. RUSSELL, PERMANENT SECRETARY.

2. ADDITIONALLY, PERMSEC RUSSELL STATED IN PHONECON WITH NLO THAT A TOURIST, WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS AN EX-USAF PILOT, HAD LOOKED AT THE OBJECT AND ADVISED GRAND BAHAMA POLICE THAT THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE AN AIRCRAFT BOMB TO HIM.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL TO GO TO THE SITE AND EVALUATE/ REMOVE IF NECESSARY THE OBJECT IN QUESTION. PERHAPS NAVY EOD PERSONNEL FROM FT. LAUDERDALE MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN AUTC PERSONNEL, DUE TO GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXISTING REGULAR USAF TRANSPORTATION FROM PATRICK AFB TO GRAND BAHAMA.
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